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1. [redacted] the Soviet officers<sup>1</sup> on duty in the Soviet Zone of Austria were neater and wore better uniforms than Soviet officers on duty in the USSR. 25X1
2. Soviet EM who had assignments to check trains and vehicles on the border of the Soviet Zone, Austria, were issued a parade type blouse called a "Mundir".<sup>1</sup> This blouse was issued only for the period of the specific duty and then turned in to the company supply. The first sergeant had control of these blouses and issued them when instructed to do so by the company commander. 25X1
3. [redacted] troops in the USSR wearing cloth puttees prior to 1949. In the Soviet Zone, Austria, all personnel wore boots.
4. The new type (1949) roll collar double-breasted uniform coat was authorized for officers, personnel of tank troops, and the Air Force; but to the best of my knowledge, only tank and Air Force officers had been issued this coat, and it was used only for parades and dress. 25X1  
The following components were worn with this coat for parade and dress: trousers, long, dark green [redacted] low quarter shoes, black; garrison cap;<sup>2</sup> and a Sam Browne belt. There was<sup>3</sup> no variant for winter or summer wear. In winter, overcoat,<sup>3</sup> fur cap,<sup>4</sup> and gloves were worn.
5. EM had no variation of uniform for winter or summer. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] there was no special summer uniform for officers. In winter, EM wore an additional coat,<sup>5</sup> an imitation fur cap,<sup>6</sup> and two-fingered gloves (one compartment for thumb and index finger and the other compartment for the remaining three fingers). 25X1

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6. The following special type overcoats were worn by Soviet Army EM:

- a. An ankle-length, sheepskin coat with the fur on the inside, with a large sheepskin hood was issued in the Soviet Zone of Austria to guards prior to going on duty. This coat was called a "Sentinel Sheepskin Coat" (Postovoy Tulup).
- b. A fur coat<sup>8</sup> was issued for outdoor details in winter.
- c. Quilted clothing, (jacket called "fufayka"; trousers called "vatnyye bryuki") was issued to tankers and drivers.<sup>9</sup>
- d. A three-quarter length quilted coat similar to the "fufayka", but reaching only to the knees, was worn without the quilted trousers during outdoor work details.
- e. An overcoat<sup>10</sup> was worn for dress and parade only.
- f. All troops in the Soviet Zone of Austria had one work coat Par. b, c, d, above in addition to the overcoat mentioned Par. e. men- 25X1

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